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PORTSMOUTH FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVES \$90,000 GRANT FOR INSTALLATION OF NEW SPRINKLER SYSTEM

WASHINGTON, DC – U.S. Senator Lincoln Chafee announced today that the Portsmouth Fire Department has been awarded a \$90,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The funding, distributed by the DHS Office for Domestic Preparedness (ODP), will be used to install a sprinkler system in Portsmouth's only Fire Station. The station is a fully paid and equipped department, with firefighters on duty 24 hours a day.

Chafee's Office also notified Portsmouth Fire Chief Alan Adams, who said the new sprinkler system will "ensure the safety of firefighters in the station and protect the firefighting capabilities of the town."

The funding comes as part of ODP's Operations and Firefighter Safety Program, which provides funding for training, equipment, wellness and fitness programs, and modifications to fire stations and facilities. The grant has come in the 36th round of fiscal year 2004 appropriations.

For more information about the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program, visit www.usfa.fema.gov.

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